

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission
Proclamation

Statewide Big Game Hunting Seasons And Bag Limit
(Exclusive of Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges)

Pursuant to the authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 70-4-107 and 70-5-108, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission hereby proclaims the statewide big game seasons and bag limits, effective August 1, 2004.

Section I. White-tailed Deer

A. White-tailed Deer Hunting Seasons

For the purpose of these hunting regulations and better wildlife management, the State of Tennessee is hereby divided into three (3) deer units, as follows:

Unit

- A. Benton, Bledsoe, Bradley, Cannon, Chester, Clay, Crockett, Decatur, DeKalb, Dyer, Franklin, Gibson, Grundy, Hamilton, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Houston, Jackson, Lake, Lauderdale, Lewis, Madison, Marion, McMinn, McNairy, Meigs, Obion, Overton, Perry, Polk, Putnam, Rhea, Roane, Sequatchie, Shelby, Smith, Stewart, Tipton, Trousdale, Van Buren, Warren, Wayne, White.
- B. Anderson, Blount (that area west of Hwy. 411 and east of Hwy. 129 is archery/muzzleloader equipment only), Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Cocke, Cumberland, Fentress, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Pickett, Scott, Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi, Union, Washington.
- L. Bedford, Carroll, Cheatham, Coffee, Davidson, Dickson, Fayette, Giles, Hardeman, Henry, Hickman, Humphreys, Lawrence, Lincoln, Macon, Marshall, Maury, Montgomery, Moore, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Weakley, Williamson, Wilson.

Deer Unit A and L ¹	Season Opens	Season Closes
Deer (Archery)	Sept. 25, 2004	Oct. 29, 2004
	Nov. 1, 2004	Nov. 5, 2004
	Nov. 13, 2004	Nov. 19, 2004
	Dec. 13, 2004	Dec. 17, 2004
Deer (Muzzleloader-Archery)	Nov. 6, 2004	Nov. 12, 2004
Deer (Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery)	Nov. 20, 2004	Dec. 5, 2004
	Dec. 18, 2004	Jan. 9, 2005
Deer (Muzzleloader-Archery)	Dec. 6, 2004	Dec. 12, 2004

¹ Dates inclusive.

Deer Unit B ¹	Season Opens	Season Closes
Deer (Archery)	Sept. 25, 2004 Nov. 1, 2004 Nov. 13, 2004	Oct. 29, 2004 Nov. 5, 2004 Nov. 19, 2004
Deer (Muzzleloader-Archery)	Nov. 6, 2004	Nov. 12, 2004
Deer (Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery)	Nov. 20, 2004 Dec. 18, 2004	Nov. 28, 2004 Jan. 5, 2005
Deer (Muzzleloader-Archery)	Dec. 10, 2004	Dec. 12, 2004

B. White-tailed Deer Unit Bag Limits

The total number of antlered deer taken statewide may not exceed 3 per year except no more than 2 antlered deer may be taken from Unit B. No more than 1 antlered deer may be taken per day.

Unit	Archery Season Bag
A	4 Deer – no more than 2 antlered
B	2 Deer - Either Sex
L	6 Deer – no more than 2 antlered per season
Unit	Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery Season Bag
A	2 Deer - Antlered Only (see Section D for antlerless hunts)
B	2 Deer - Antlered Only (see Section D for antlerless hunts)
L	3 Deer per day – no more than 2 antlered per season (Type 94 permit required to harvest antlerless deer)
Unit	Muzzleloader-Archery Season Bag
A	1 st segment - 2 Deer – no more than 1 antlered except 1 Deer either sex in Polk Co. 2 nd segment - 2 Deer – no more than 1 antlered except 1 antlered deer in Polk Co.
B	1 st segment--1 Deer - Antlered Only, except either sex during the first 3 days 2 nd segment --1 Deer - Antlered Only
L	6 Deer - no more than 2 antlered per season

Note: Deer taken at Fort Campbell and on the special antlerless hunts are not considered in the regular season bag and possession limit unless otherwise specified.
Antlered deer must have antlers a minimum of three inches (3") in length on buck only or antlered only hunts. Antlerless deer are defined as deer with no antlers or deer with antlers less than three inches (3") in length.

C. Special Hunts

The following deer units are open for two 2-day (Young Sportsman) deer hunts on October 30-31, 2004 and January 15-16, 2005. Young sportsmen 10-16 years of age may participate. Each young sportsman must be accompanied by a non-hunting, adult, 18 years of age or older, who must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters. No more than one deer may be taken on each hunt. (See bag limit restrictions in Section B)

Unit	Hunt Dates
A and L	Oct. 30-31, 2004 Two deer--no more than 1 antlered
B	Oct. 30-31, 2004 One deer--either sex
A and L	Jan. 15-16, 2005 Two deer--no more than 1 antlered
B	Jan. 15-16, 2005 One deer--either sex

D. Antlerless White-tailed Deer Special Hunts

The following counties and portions of counties are open to antlerless deer hunting during the regular gun season as specified.

Quota Hunts -- *Special quota permit required.* Bag limit-one deer per permit except where noted.

Note: Cannon, Lewis, Madison and Wayne county allow a bag limit of 2 deer per permit.

Trousdale and Franklin county allow a bag limit of 3 deer per permit.

Non-quota Hunts -- *No hunter quota but a Type 94 permit or Sportsman License is required.*

Note: Unit A & B: the bag limit for each county for each non-quota hunt is defined in the Table.

Unit L: a hunter may harvest 3 antlerless deer per day during the regular gun season.

	Quota Hunts					Non-Quota Hunts		
COUNTY	Nov 20- Nov 21	Nov 22- Nov 25	Nov 26- Nov 30	Dec 1- Dec 5	Dec 18- Dec 20	Dec 18 – Dec 24	Dec 25 – Dec 31	Jan 1 – Jan 9
	NUMBER OF PERMITS PER HUNT					NUMBER OF DEER PER HUNT		
Anderson ²		50			50			
Benton							2	2
Blount ³		50			50			
	NUMBER OF PERMITS PER HUNT					NUMBER OF DEER PER HUNT		
Bradley		500	500					

² Anderson County East of Interstate 75 only.

³ Blount County West of Highway 411 and east of Highway 129.

	Quota Hunts					Non-Quota Hunts		
COUNTY	Nov 20- Nov 21	Nov 22- Nov 25	Nov 26- Nov 30	Dec 1- Dec 5	Dec 18- Dec 20	Dec 18 – Dec 24	Dec 25 – Dec 31	Jan 1 – Jan 9
Cannon*	300	300	300	300		2	2	2
Carter ⁴					100			
Chester						2	2	2
Claiborne					250			
Clay			200			2		
Decatur						2	2	2
DeKalb								2
Franklin**	700	700	700	700		3	3	3
Gibson						2	2	2
Grainger					100			
Hamilton		500	500					
Hancock					250			
Hardin			400	400		2	2	2
Hawkins ⁵								
Hawkins ⁶								
Haywood		400	400	400		2	2	2
Henderson						2	2	2
Houston						2	2	2
Jackson			200					
Jefferson					250			
Johnson ⁷					100			
Knox					100			
Lewis*	500	500	500	500		2	2	2
Loudon					100			
McMinn		500	500					
McNairy				200		2	2	2
Madison*	650	650	650	650		2	2	2
Marion			500					
Meigs		500	500					
Obion						2	2	2
Overton				200		2		
Perry							2	2
	NUMBER OF PERMITS PER HUNT					NUMBER OF DEER PER HUNT		
Rhea		500	500					

4 Carter County. Excludes Cherokee WMA.

5 Hawkins County – Quota hunt on **Dec 18-26**. 1000 Hunter Quota

6 Holston Army Plant - Two quota hunts on **Nov. 20** and **Nov. 21**. 80 Hunter quota.

Two quota hunts on **Nov. 27** and **Nov 28**. 80 Hunter quota.

Bag limit 2 antlerless deer per permit on all hunts

Note: Holston Army Ammunition Plant – additional installation permit fee required if drawn

7 Johnson County. Excludes Cherokee WMA.

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COUNTY	Nov 20- Nov 21	Nov 22- Nov 25	Nov 26- Nov 30	Dec 1- Dec 5	Dec 18- Dec 20	Dec 18 – Dec 24	Dec 25 – Dec 31	Jan 1 – Jan 9
Roane		500	500					
Shelby								2
Smith	500	500	500	500		2	2	2
Stewart			200	200		2	2	2
Sullivan ⁸					100			
Trousdale**	500	500	500	500		3	3	3
Warren				300				2
Wayne*	500	500	500	500		2	2	2

* - Indicates bag limit of 2 deer per permit for quota hunts.

** - Indicates bag limit of 3 deer per permit for quota hunts.

E. Special Regulations

1. Big Game Tagging - Upon harvesting the first big game animal of the day, except for feral hogs, the hunter must punch the date of harvest on the temporary kill tag and attach it to the animal immediately. The hunter may continue to big game hunt until he reaches the big game bag limit for that season, to the conclusion of the hunt or until the end of legal hunting time for that day, whichever comes first. All animals harvested must be accompanied by one tagged animal and must be taken together to the nearest big game checking station by the most reasonably direct route where one new temporary kill tag will be issued. The permanent harvest tag is a legal document and must be signed by the hunter. By signing the permanent harvest tag, the hunter is affirming that the information, as it appears on the permanent tag, is correct and valid. The permanent game tag must remain with each carcass until final processing. Persons legally hunting without a license are also required to take any big game animal harvested to a check station. After receiving a temporary harvest tag from checking in their first kill, these persons must comply with all tagging regulations. All big game taken to a taxidermist to be mounted must be accompanied by documentation showing the permanent game tag number, checking station number, and date of kill.

Section II. Feral Hog Seasons (No hunting with dogs allowed except where indicated.)

Feral hogs are defined as any wild hog found in Tennessee except on Catoosa, South Cherokee, Cove Mtn, and Foothills WMA's. Feral hogs are considered big game but are not required to be tagged or checked in at big game checking stations.

Private lands (Public Hunting Areas are considered private land)

Year round season, except inholdings on Catoosa WMA and South Cherokee where season is open with statewide deer seasons with no dogs.

No limit -either sex

Publicly owned lands

⁸ Sullivan County. Excludes Cherokee WMA.

Open during scheduled white-tailed deer hunts
unless otherwise specified.

No limit -either sex

Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area is also
open from Jan. 19-Feb. 28, 2005.

No limit -either sex

In the following counties dogs may be used for feral hog hunting on the dates indicated⁹:

Monroe

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery
(Dogs Permitted)

Oct. 11-18, 2004
No limit-Either Sex

Blount, Cocke (South of I-40), and Sevier

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery
(Dogs Permitted)

Sept. 27-Oct 3, 2004
No limit-Either Sex

Blount, Cocke, Greene, Monroe, Sevier, Unicoi, and Washington

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery
(Dogs Permitted)

Nov. 15-16, 2004
No limit-Either Sex

Blount, Cocke, Monroe, Sevier

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery
(Dogs Permitted)

Dec. 2-15, 2004
No limit-Either Sex

Section III. Bear.

The Following Counties Are Open For Bear Hunting¹⁰:

Blount, Cocke, Greene, Monroe, Sevier, Unicoi, and Washington

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery
(Dogs Permitted)

Nov. 15-16, 2004
1 per year-Either Sex

Blount, Cocke, Greene, Monroe, Sevier, Unicoi, and Washington

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery
(No Dogs)

Nov. 27-Nov. 28, 2004
1 per year-Either Sex

Blount, Carter, Cocke, Greene, Johnson, Monroe, Polk (that portion north of Hwy 64), Sevier, Sullivan
(that portion east of I-81), Unicoi, and Washington.

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery
(Dogs Permitted)

Dec. 2-15, 2004
1 per year-Either Sex.

^{9,10} Dates inclusive.

Johnson (still hunt only)

Oct. 2-3, 2004

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery
Includes private land within the
Kettlefoot Bear Reserve that lies
within Johnson County

Blount, Cocke (South of I-40), and Sevier

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery
(Dogs Permitted)

Sept. 27-Oct 3, 2004
1 per year-Either Sex.

Blount and Sevier

Archery Only
(No Dogs)

Oct. 9-17, 2004
1 per year-Either Sex.

The Following Counties Are Open For A Bear Dog Training Season:

Cocke, Greene, and Sevier Counties.

Sept. 7-20, 2004. No bears may be taken. No weapons may be possessed. Daylight hours only.

Special Bear Hunting Regulations:

1. The limit of bears for any person participating in the statewide or managed hunts or both shall not exceed one (1) bear per calendar year.
2. Cubs or female bears with cubs at side may not be taken at any time. A cub is defined as any bear weighing seventy-five (75) pounds or less.
3. All bears must be checked out at an official bear checking station designated by TWRA.
4. Officially checked out organs shall be main checking station bear harvested at least until the bear has been

Section IV. Fall Turkey (Shotgun/Archery)

The following counties are open for archery only fall turkey hunting during fall archery only deer seasons. Bag limit for this season is one turkey either-sex. These same counties are open for one quota gun fall turkey hunt on Nov 13-19 with a bag limit of one turkey either-sex per permit with the exception that those counties indicated by an asterisk (*) are open Nov. 13-19 and Dec. 13-17 and have a bag limit of 2 either sex turkeys per permit.

Bedford*	800 Hunter Quota	Coffee*	400 Hunter Quota
Benton	50 Hunter Quota	DeKalb*	400 Hunter Quota
Cannon*	400 Hunter Quota	Dickson*	1000 Hunter Quota
Carroll	50 Hunter Quota	Franklin*	600 Hunter Quota
Carter	50 Hunter Quota	Giles*	1000 Hunter Quota
Cheatham*	350 Hunter Quota	Grainger	100 Hunter Quota
Claiborne	100 Hunter Quota	Greene	100 Hunter Quota
Clay	50 Hunter Quota	Hamblen	50 Hunter Quota
Cocke	100 Hunter Quota	Hancock	100 Hunter Quota

Hardeman	50 Hunter Quota	Marshall*	500 Hunter Quota
Hardin	50 Hunter Quota	Maury*	300 Hunter Quota
Hawkins	100 Hunter Quota	Montgomery*	1000 Hunter Quota
Henderson	50 Hunter Quota	Moore*	300 Hunter Quota
Hickman*	500 Hunter Quota	Perry	50 Hunter Quota
Henry	100 Hunter Quota	Robertson*	400 Hunter Quota
Houston	50 Hunter Quota	Rutherford*	800 Hunter Quota
Humphreys	100 Hunter Quota	Sevier	100 Hunter Quota
Jackson	50 Hunter Quota	Smith*	500 Hunter Quota
Jefferson	100 Hunter Quota	Stewart	100 Hunter Quota
Johnson	50 Hunter Quota	Sullivan	50 Hunter Quota
Lawrence*	400 Hunter Quota	Sumner*	600 Hunter Quota
Lewis	100 Hunter Quota	Trousdale*	400 Hunter Quota
Lincoln*	1200 Hunter Quota	Warren	100 Hunter Quota
McNairy	50 Hunter Quota	Wayne*	300 Hunter Quota
Macon*	400 Hunter Quota	Weakley	50 Hunter Quota
Madison	50 Hunter Quota	Williamson*	300 Hunter Quota
Marion	200 Hunter Quota	Wilson*	500 Hunter Quota

Section V. Repeal of Prior Proclamations

This proclamation repeals Proclamation No. 03-13, dated May 29, 2003.

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission

Chairman

I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of a proclamation lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission on the 20th day of May, 2004.

Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the ____ day of _____, 2004.

Notary Public

My commission expires _____.

Proclamation No. 04-10 received and recorded this ____ day of _____, 2004.

Riley C. Darnell, Secretary of State